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PROPOSAL

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER WHICH THE CANADIAN CHAIRMAN OF IMEC PLANS TO SEND TO THE G-77 TRANSMITTING THE IMEC PROPOSAL ON RESTRUCTURING THE ILO:

QUOTE SIR:

1. ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF IMEC I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE AT ITS 6TH MEETING TO THE GOVERNING BODY (CF ANNEX IV OF DOC. WPS/77-78/5) ACCORDING TO WHICH INNER QUOTE THE VIEW WAS EXPRESSED FROM WITHIN THE GROUP OF 77 THAT IT WOULD BE POINTLESS TO CONVENE THE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS UNLESS THEY COULD COUNT ON HAVING CONCRETE PROPOSALS FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CONCERNING ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION. TO MEET THIS CONCERN, SPOKESMEN OF THE IMEC GROUP ONCE AGAIN ASSURED THE MEETING THAT IT WAS THEIR FIRM INTENTION TO CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSIONS INTENSIVELY ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES AND ELEMENTS WHICH THEY HAD MADE KNOWN TO THE WORKING PARTY AT THE PRESENT MEETING, WITH A VIEW TO BEING IN A POSITION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS TO COMMENCE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION AT THE NEXT MEETING. THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77 TOOK DUE NOTE TO THIS RESPONSE. END INNER QUOTE

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2. ACCORDINGLY, THE GROUP OF IMEC HAS GIVEN VERY SERIOUS AND INTENSIVE CONSIDERATION PRIMARILY TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ILO, AND I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU, AS A RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS, THE ATTACHED PAPER CONTAINING THE PROPOSALS OF THE IMEC OUTLINING THE MAIN PRINCIPLES AND ELEMENTS FOR A NEW ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT OUR PROPOSALS ONLY CONCERN ARTICLE 7 AS SUCH. SOLUTIONS WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE FOUND TO THE OTHER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, NOTABLY THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO ARTICLE 36 OF THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 17 OF THE STANDING ORDERS AND THE QUORUM RULE, WHICH ARE WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING PARTY. OUR PROPOSALS REGARDING ARTICLE 7 ARE CONDITIONAL IN THE SENSE THAT THEY WILL BE MAINTAINED ONLY IF SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS ARE FOUND TO THESE OTHER QUESTIONS.

4. I WOULD LIKE ALSO TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSALS ONLY DEAL WITH THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP OF THE GOVERNING BODY. THIS IS DUE TO OUR FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE EMPLOYERS' AND THE WORKERS'

GROUPS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTONOMY TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED, SHOULD DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT KIND OF SOLUTIONS THEY MAY FIND APPROPRIATE.

5. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CIRCULATE THIS LETTER WITH ANNEXES AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE. UNQUOTE  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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